

High Rose

We heard Ranger calling to us and as we could get no farther, we went to him. He had found some beautiful aragonite frost and also found the bottomless pit. I think that this pit opens out in the cathedral and therefore has not bottom according to my judgement it must be over 125 feet deep. After exploring around for an hour we found several small rooms that were completely lined with beautiful frost work. In one place within 50 feet of the top of the bottomless pit we found a seam of Black Hills Diamonds but they were small and we did not try to take any to the entrance with us.

We returned to Grand View and after packing a few pieces of frost-work that we brought with us we started on around the circle. We passed through 2 large rooms that were not named and then we came to the Largest chamber on the route which is Paradise Regained. From the largest end of this room we found a passage leading South West. After we went about 300 feet through difficult passages we came to a large room with irregular shape and about 75 feet in diameter. The ceiling was about 9 feet high. We went on about 200 feet in a South-westerly course and came unexpectedly into the Cathedral. We then made our way back to the Paradise Regained. We then started to the White Rose chamber but after we got into the third large room we found a passage leading to the North East that aroused a what little curiosity we had left, so E. A. King & I started to explore it. It was oven shaped and led straight ahead for 150 feet without a break. It then opened out into a small, low room with a passage leading to the right.